

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

VERIFIED PETITION OF INDIANA OFFICE OF)
UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR FOR)
GENERIC INVESTIGATION INTO RESIDENTIAL)
CUSTOMER ARREARAGE AND UTILITY SERVICE) CAUSE NO. 45736
DISCONNECTION DATA AND REQUEST FOR)
ONGOING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS)

**OUCC’S STATUS UPDATE AS TO SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS AND REQUEST
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING A PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (“OUCC”), pursuant to 170 IAC 1-1.1-12, the August 24, 2022 Prehearing Conference Order, and the September 23, 2022 Docket Entry, hereby respectfully provides this status update with the Commission, and respectfully requests an extension of time to either provide settlement information or to request a proposed procedural schedule. In support thereof, the OUCC states as follows:

1. The OUCC has reached an agreement in principle with many utilities and is finalizing said settlements in writing.
2. Simultaneous to this filing, the OUCC released all water utilities from this cause, and does not object to the dismissal of Fountaintown Gas Company, Inc. and South Eastern Indiana Gas Company, Inc.
3. The OUCC is continuing discussions with a few remaining energy Respondent jurisdictional utilities in the hopes to reach a settlement agreement. The OUCC proposes to update the Commission as to the status of settlement with the Respondent jurisdictional utilities on October 17, 2022.

4. Counsel for the OUCC reached out to all remaining counsel for the energy utilities and the CAC and has heard back from all but one party's counsel¹ that they have no objection to this requested extension to update the Commission in two weeks with settlement information and/or a proposed procedural schedule.

WHEREFORE, the OUCC asks the Commission to require the OUCC to provide an update on the status of negotiations, or a proposed procedural schedule on October 17, 0222.

Respectfully submitted,



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¹ At the time of this filing counsel has not heard back from Ohio Valley Gas whether said party objects to a two-week extension.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing has been served upon the following parties of record in the captioned proceeding by electronic service on October 3, 2022.

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